Jaffna. Tobacco is now being cured and will be ready in about 2 months. It is not possible now to say how it will compare with the tobacco imported from Jaffna.

At Edacode, they have been able to sell only a few pounds of tobacco.

Mr Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi; May I know where the tobacco exhibited at the entrance to this Chamber was grown ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: That was grown by the Department of Agriculture in the Demonstration Farm at Puliyara.

Admission of students in classes in Malayalam schools.

106. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether in many of the Malayalam schools, each division of a class contains more than the sanctioned number of peoples?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Yes.

Mr. E. K. Kuripe: ചട്ടത്തിനു വിപരീതമായി കൂടുതൽ കുട്ടികളെ ചേർക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ് ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon. സ്ഥലക്കുറവാണെന്നു പറയുവാനേ നിവർത്തിയുള്ളൂ.

Mr. E. K. Kuripe: ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ പ്രൈവറ്റ് സ്കൂളുകളും ഗവണ്മെന്റ് സ്കൂളുകളും ഒന്നുപോലെയാണോ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നത് ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: അല്ല.

Mr. E K. Kuripe: അതിന്റെ കാരണം എന്താണ് ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: ഗവണ്മെന്റ് സ്കൂളുകളിൽ വരുന്ന കുട്ടികളെ ചേർക്കുകയില്ലാ എന്നു പറയുവാൻ നിർവാഹമില്ല. പ്രൈവറ്റ് സ്കൂളുകളിൽ കുട്ടികളെ ചേർക്കാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ല എന്നു പറയാറുണ്ട്.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know the reasons which prompted the Director of Public Instruction to fix the maximum strength for each class ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: That was first done in the interests of efficient instruction to pupils. But the maximum has been increased from time to time, and it has now come up to 50 ; it may have to be raised to 60 later on.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Will not efficiency of teaching be impaired in that case ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: It may be. But I find that even in more advanced countries they allow a large number of pupils in the lower classes.

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Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : In that case, may I know why any maximum was fixed at all ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : We start with certain ideals ; then practical difficulties arise, and we cut our coats according to our cloth.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla cum Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether, in foreign countries, they admit 60 or 70 in a class, in the way they are being admitted here ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : I cannot answer the latter part of the question, namely whether, in the West, they do it in the same way we are doing it ; but I have figures with me to show that, in America, Germany, Austria, England and even France, the number of pupils in certain classes goes up to 70 or 80.

Mrs. Abernam Gnanasikamony (*Nominated*) : Is that the case with regard to the primary classes also ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Unfortunately, it is so.

Irregular execution of work by Nagercoil P. W. D. Division Officer.

107. * **Sahib Bahadur M. Sultan Muhiadheen** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any practice in the Nagercoil Division Office of issuing orders for executing work for which there is no previous budget estimate ;

(*b*) if so, whether such practice entails delay of payment to the contractors ;

(*c*) when was the order issued by the Division Officer to the contractor for executing the surplus sluice work in Pottakulam bearing S. No. 1647 of Aloor pakuthi ;

(*d*) when was that work completed ;

(*e*) whether the final bill for the work has been prepared and sanctioned ;

(*f*) whether the contractor has been paid as per that bill ; and

(*g*) if not, the reason for the delay ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : (*a*) No.

(*b*) It does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) On 18th June 1939. The work was arranged by the Sub-Division Officer, Nagercoil.

(*d*) The question is not clear.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The contractor has been notified to receive payment.

(*g*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*f*).

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